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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert — This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/05221 which has an International filing date of September 24, 1999, which designated the United States of America.—

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 5: Line 2, change "any one of claims 1-4" to